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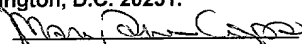
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For:

**ENERGY ATTENUATION DEVICE FOR A FLUID-CONVEYING
LINE AND METHOD OF ATTENUATING ENERGY IN SUCH A
LINE**


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Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 8 pages specification, and 1 page (5) claims in support of the above-identified application. Drawings in support of the above-identified application are the same as those filed in support of U.S. divisional application S.N. 09/471,048.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority dates of May 5, 1997, the filing date of U.S. patent 6,125,890 and December 22, 1999, the filing date of U.S. divisional application S.N. 09/471,048 (to issue on June 5, 2001).
3. Appropriate fees will be submitted with a subsequent submittal.

Respectfully submitted,


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